

ELEUTHERIAN MILLS

North of Wilmington on Delaware Route 141 at Brandywine Creek Bridge, Greenville

Eleuthère Irenée du Pont established powder mills here on Brandywine Creek in 1802-1803. For more than a century the black powder they produced helped the United States win its wars and established E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. as a major industrial corporation. The powder mills closed in 1921, but in 1952, as part of its sesquicentennial, the du Pont Company established the Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation to restore and maintain the complex as a museum of early industry and as a research facility.